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1) CONSULATE TELEPHONED DR. S M YUE AT CASTLE PEAK HOSPITAL ON JAN 30, AND FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY OF YUEN KONG LIM'S PRESENT MEDICAL CONDITION: IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED BY CASTLE PEAK DOCTORS THAT YUEN IS SUFFERING FROM A FORM OF PSYCHOSIS IN WHICH HE HAS NO INSIGHT INTO HIS OWN CONDITION AND THAT, ALTHOUGH HE MIGHT APPEAR NORMAL, HE COULD GO INSANE AT ANY MOMENT.

2) DR. YUE SAID HE IS IN CONTACT WITH PATIENT'S SISTER, MRS. HELEN LIM, IN SAN FRANCISCO. SHE WILL TELEPHONE HIM AT CASTLE PEAK HOSPITAL EITHER LATER TODAY, JAN 30, OR TOMORROW, JANUARY 31. DR. YUE SAID THERE IS A MEDICAL TREATMENT THE HOSPITAL WOULD LIKE TO ADMINISTER WHICH REQUIRES PERMISSION OF NEXT-OF-KIN AND THAT HE WOULD DISCUSS THIS WITH MRS LIM WHEN SHE TELEPHONES.

3) DR. YUE BELIEVES YUEN WILL CONTINUE TO BE HOSPITALIZED AT LEAST THROUGH END OF CHINESE NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS (JANUARY 31 THROUGH FEBRUARY 3), AND THAT HE WILL INFORM CONSULATE WHEN HE IS READY TO BE RELEASED. HE ALSO SAID IT PROBABLY WILL BE NECESSARY FOR A PSYCHIATRIST TO ACCOMPANY YUEN. TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE SUBJECT SEPTEL WHEN ARRANGED.

4). DR YUE SAID THERE APPEAR TO BE NO PROBLEMS REGARDING PAYMENT OF HOSPITAL EXPENSES. CONSULATE WILL KEEP DEPARTMENT UNCLASSIFIED

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